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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Assistant Director, OSA

SUBJECT: Operating Site [] 25X1C
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1. Attached is a paper which supports the acquisition of an operating site []. However, as a matter of record the approval by Higher Authority to overfly certain areas [] negates this requirement from an operational viewpoint. Reconsideration of [] Southeast Asia raises the following points:

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a. That portion of the Sino-Indian border [] can be adequately covered []

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b. That the present COMOR targets which extend beyond NEFA to the vicinity of the Szechwan Basin can be covered from []

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c. Coverage of the targets in the northwest border area would continue to require refueling. However, in consideration of the entire COMOR target lists in the area such missions would probably be reduced to something on the order of one out of four.

d. Additional coverage which can be obtained [] [] includes the entire area of North Viet Nam as well as that portion of the current South China targets which is beyond the range of a U-2 operating from []

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2. Given an adequately manned detachment equipped with two operationally ready U-2 aircraft the best operational site for the over-all requirements in Southeast Asia is considered to be [redacted]

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3. The above does not include consideration of advantages which may accrue to other programs by pressing [redacted] [redacted] most desirable site for the other program if it is politically feasible.

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OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. To support reconnaissance of the Sino-Indian border area a detachment from Edwards Air Force Base with personnel and materiel adequate to support two U-2 aircraft will be deployed. This detachment will be self supporting as it pertains to planning and conducting operational missions.

2. The forward operating base [] eliminate the requirement for inflight refueling and airborne search and rescue support. In addition, it will eliminate the requirement for distribution of highly sensitive mission data to other than the host country. It will further eliminate the requirement for black flights of the reconnaissance vehicle and support aircraft []

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3. Providing a suitable operating base can be obtained north of a line which runs generally between [] all target requirements in the Sino-Indian border can be adequately covered.

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5. AIRCRAFT FAILURE REPORTING DEVICE:

a. Comments: Several weeks have elapsed since OSA was directed to obtain from Lockheed Aircraft Corporation (LAC) recommendations as to utilization of this sensing device. LAC has failed to respond and OSA has failed to follow up on this matter.

b. Action: DD/R directed that OSA immediately obtain from LAC recommendations required for this item.



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b. Action: OSA was directed to call together all technically qualified people of the Agency to resolve this problem.



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